

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a common carrier apparatus, a payer of rate for calls can be switched over to an information provider. When information associated with an acquisition request sent from a portable terminal is

5 information recorded in a payer information database, an accounting processing apparatus refers to the payer information database, so as to inform an accounting server apparatus of the fact that the payer specified by a payer information should be charged. It is thereby possible to perform an accounting processing on the payer specified by

10 the payer information. Therefore, for example, by setting the information provider to the payer, it is possible to more easily provide a user of the portable terminal with information concerning a corporate advertisement, a product advertisement, or the like, over the Internet without difficulty.